## REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the allowance of Claims 9-12 and for indicating that Claims 2-6, 14 and 15 contain allowable subject matter. Accordingly, method Claim 1 now is amended to include the subject matter of Claim 2 (now cancelled). Claims 4-7 remain dependent on Claim 1 and therefore should be allowable. Claim 3 is amended to cast it into independent form and should now be allowable. Claims 7 and 8 are cancelled.

Apparatus Claim 12 is amended to include the allowable subject matter of Claim 14 (now cancelled). Claims 13 and 15 remain dependent upon Claim 12 so these claims also should be allowable.

Applicant also submits herewith a set of formal drawings.

In view of the above amendments and comments, Applicant considers that the claims remaining in the case, namely Claims 1, 3-6, 9-13 and 14, are in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

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